Wonderful Way to See Britain

Hospitable Inns Tourist's Delight

Leisurely Trip Offers Finest Scenery, Food

By IAN STREET

No tourist goes far in Britain without finding himself in agreement with the tribute once paid by Dr. Samuel Johnson to the world-renowned institution—the British inn.

"There is nothing," the good doctor said, "which has yet been contrived by man by which so much happiness has been produced as by a good tavern or inn."

To visitors from abroad inns offer unrivalled opportunities to sample British hospitality at its best.

For a typical inn tour take a leisurely four-day trip north and west of London to the Welsh border and back—no more than 75 to 100 miles a day.

It will take you through some of the loveliest scenery in England, the Thames and Wye valleys, the Cotswolds and Shakespeare country and the university and cathedral towns of Oxford, Hereford and Gloucester.

You can hire a four passenger car for about $6 a day, plus 2¼ cents a mile, with an allowance of 80 free miles a day.

Succulent Native Dishes

Some inns have a secialty but most serve regional dishes in season. Those suggested below, all listed in the Gourmet's Guide to Britain offer native fare to delight the most exacting palate—succulent roast beef and lamb, pheasant, trout and salmon, vegetables fresh from the garden, and a generous piece of Stilton, Cheddar or another of the local cheeses.

The prices are also atractive. The average is $1.40 to $2 for an epicurean meal and $3.50 for a single room and hearty breakfast.

Setting out northwest from London, stop for lunch at Ye Olde Bell at Hurley, near Henley-on-Thames, dating from 1135.

You'll enjoy an overnight stay in Oxford's 13th century Mitre Hotel, near the colleges and museums. Here you'll do well to choose chicken which Oxfordshire prepares in a number of ways.

At Stratford-on-Avon, of course, you'll have a wealth of inns to choose from before attending a performance in the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre.

Perhaps you'd like to dine in the Falcon Hotel, a timbered building familiar to the Bard himself, since New Place, his home is his declining years, stood almost exactly opposite.

Play Titles on Doors

Tourists enjoy staying at the Shakespeare, whose timbers were cut from the Forest of Arden and whose rooms have the titles of plays on the doors instead of numbers.

As you go west on the third day, toward the lovely Wye Valley and the Welsh border, stop for lunch in the White Lion at Upton-on-Severn. This seven-bedroom inn, dating from Cromwell's time, has some unusual specialities including lobster cooked with gin and mushrooms and pheasant cooked in port.

Between the cathedral towns of Hereford and Gloucester, dine in the Royal Hotel at that notable beauty spot, Symonds Yat. Here you can catch as well as eat salmon in season.

Stay overnight in Gloucester's New Inn—built in 1450.

On the way back to London on the fourth day, lunch at the White Hart at Sonning-on-Thames with its rose garden leading down to the river. Spend the afternoon in Windsor Castle.

Countless other fine hostelries besides those named summon wayfarers with their brightly painted picture signs.

Colorful picture signs for Britain's inns were essential in the Middle Ages when few men could read. Bringing the Smith's Arms up to date, an inscription beneath the sign tells how King Charles II, stopping at original blacksmith's shop to have his horse shod, asked for a drink. When the smith protested he had no licence, the king granted him one on the spot. —(British Travel Association photo)

Star in Sun

While spending a vacation in Montego Bay, Jamaica, glamorous actress Joan Crawford tried to get a good sun tan. Joan and her husband combined business with pleasure for a tour of Caribbean islands.

Debate Set On Water Problems

Special meeting to discuss water problems has been called by the Sidney and North Saanich Chamber of Commerce for 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hotel Sidney, with the public invited to attend.

Subjects are the Saanich, North Saanich and Central Saanich water resources and their potential development, plans of the Greater Victoria Water Board as they affect the peninsula, and the anticipated increase of population on the peninsula.

Experts on each of the topics will attend the meeting to speak and to answer questions from the floor.

GARDEN PROVINCE

More than 85 per cent of the 2,184 square miles in Prince Edward Island is farming land.

See Alaska And Learn, Student Lure

Summer school with days 24 hours long is hoped to lure many student-tourists to Alaska this year.

University of Alaska's summer school runs from June 15 through Aug. 7. It offers courses in gold mining and panning, wild life, Eskimo and Indian culture, geology of the Arctic and Alaskan history.

A "workshop on Alaska" from Aug. 10 to 14 will cover a little bit of all these things.

Another summer school is the Music Festival Workshop at Anchorage, offering instruction in opera staging, conducting choirs, and in all orchestra instruments.

Bustling Tel Aviv, 50

Summers Hot, Winters Mild

TEL AVIV, Israel — Fifty years have passed since a platoon of gentlemen in bowler hats marched out into barren sands near Jaffa and founded a new city called Tel Aviv.

One of the founding fathers, who got quite carried away by the laying of the first cornerstone in May, 1909, speculated that the then non-existent town would eventually contain 25,000 people. Now the metropolitan area has about a half-million residents.

JAFFA DWARFED

Tel Aviv has dwarfed Jaffa, the old Biblical port from which Jonah sailed toward his drama with a whale. Though Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, the new city has become its economic, commercial and cultural centre.

As cities go, Tel Aviv at 50 is still in its youth—noisy, brash, confident, chauvinistic, growing. It is not unknown for the Tel Aviv town council to approve the names of 100 new streets at a single sitting. Not surprisingly, there is a certain monotony in the endless rows of white, functional, balconied apartment dwellings.

NEVER COLD

Tel Aviv, abuilding, has not had much time to contemplate its scenic potential—the blue Mediterranean, the silver-white of its beaches, the prodigal red and purple of flowers that spill over whitewashed walls. It is hot there; summers are blazing, and the winters are mild.

The city has an inordinate number of sidewalk cafes, doubtless a reaction against crowded housing conditions. One travel writer has said, "There are women in Tel Aviv who form small cafe-sitting cliques that outsit any cafe-sitters in the world."

ORIGINAL IDEA

When several hundred Jews started building homes on the sand dunes near Jaffa in 1909, their purpose was simply to create a pleasant garden suburb for themselves outside the Arab port. One of their first municipal problems was whether to allow an orange-juice stand to do business within the town limits.

At first Tel Aviv grew slowly. Floods of immigrants poured into Israel, however, after Hitler came to power in Germany and after the Second World War. Now Tel Aviv itself has a garden suburb—Ramat Gan.

New State Goes All Out

B.C. Will Benefit As Tourists Flock to Alaska

Fourth of July in Alaska this year will attract tourists from all parts of North America.

This is the day on which the new 49-star flag becomes the official emblem of the United States.

British Columbians will be travelling to visit their northern neighbors in greater numbers than ever before, by luxury bus, plane and steamship.

UNUSUAL SIGHTS

Travel literature is plugging the fascinating combination of unusual sights—rugged frontier towns and gold mining camps, bustling cities, glaciers and forests, Mt. McKinley National Park, inland waterways; all under the "spell of never-ending daylight."

B.C. will also reap rich dividends from this tourist bounty.

BUS, STEAMER

Three Canadian steamship lines serve southeastern Alaska, with sailings from Vancouver via the Inside Passage.

Car and bus travellers will use the Alaska Highway in greater numbers than ever before. Greyhound has scheduled two escorted luxury bus tours from California, making the circle tour one way by Alaska Highway and the other by ship using the Inside Passage.

AIRLINES, TOO

Four American and one Canadian airlines make frequent scheduled flights to all major points in Alaska.

For the more rugged, youth hostellers will go by foot along the Old Chilkoot Trail the gold seekers took from Skagway, by narrow gauge railroad to Whitehorse, by bus over the Alaska Highway, by paddle wheel steamer down the Tanana, and so on to Mt. McKinley National Park for a week of pack trips and sleeping under the stars.

The Alaska Railroad has a special travel bargain for bonafide tourists this year—round-trip fare for picking up the train anywhere along its Anchorage to Fairbanks route.

Essays Asked On Explorer

A questionnaire and an essay contest on the life of the famous explorer David Thompson for junior and senior high school students will be sponsored in B.C. during the coming school year by the David Thompson Memorial Foundation.

The junior high questionnaire and senior high essay contests are designed to bring "David Thompson back from obscurity," Mrs. R. D. Brinkley, representative of the Alberta society, said yesterday.

A total of $200 in prizes for each contest will be awarded.

FAMOUS LIBRARY

Oxford University's Bodleian Library was built in the 17th century, on the site of a 15th-century library.

Scarlet Fever Cases on Wane

Scarlet fever has increased and is dwindling again in the Saanich and South Vancouver Island health district, medical health officer Dr. A. N. Beattie said.

He said there were 24 cases in the district in December, 56 in January, 35 in February and 10 so far in March.

New Mexico's Zunis

Ancient to Spaniards Culture Still Lives

ZUNI, N.M. (NANA)—More than four centuries after the Spanish first came here, the Zuni Indians still carry on their traditional dances, already ancient when Coronado came seeking the seven cities of Cibola.

Today's Zuni is a modern settlement. The men work with up-to-date farm implements or are employed in industry. The homemakers would be lost without sewing machines and refrigerators. Zuni girls attend 4-H clubs, the boys drive cars. But each year the old Indian ceremonies are repeated, even if the inner tubes of auto tires have to replace earth-reddened buckskin.

SIX VILLAGES

In 1540 there were six Zuni villages spread through a gentle valley, with Haclana, the central one, where Zuni is now. Each village supposedly had about 200 persons, and the houses were banked up four and five storeys high. When enemy tribes attacked, the Zunis fled to Towaayane, their sacred mountain, for protection, having no natural fortress to save their villages.

Somehow, the tale of the Zuni villages reached the Spaniards, deep in Mexico. But when the story arrived it had become distorted and embellished beyond recognition. The six simple villages had become the powerful, golden, treasure-filled seven cities of Cibola.

NEGRO ADVENTURER

A Spanish priest and a fabulous Negro adventurer, Esteban, first saw the villages. The following year Coronado and his brigade assailed the village of Wawikuh. The Zuni fled once again to Towaayane.

In 1848 Zuni became part of the United States, and in 1887 a reservation was set aside for these "honest and virtuous people."

Today, every Zuni child attends school and every Zuni, even the elders, speaks English. Some Zunis have gone on to universities, and a few have obtained advanced degrees. The hero of the Zuni kids is Zorro.

Roundup Is a 'Muster' Where Real West Begins

SYDNEY, Australia — Out where the west really begins, a roundup is a "muster," a tenderfoot is a "new chum," and a mustang is a "brumby."

Otherwise, life in Australia's Outback matches that of the American plains, mile for mile. The big difference is that wide open spaces in Australia tend to be a lot wider. Ranching families often live a hundred miles or so from the nearest neighbor. Children go to school by radio and correspondence courses. The doctor comes by plane.

The Outback is a vast, casually defined crescent of grazing lands surrounding the interior desert where nothing grows. The pasturage zones take up perhaps half the area of Australia, which itself is about the size of the United States. To the east are the Great Dividing Range and the fertile coastal rim.

"Stations," which correspond to American ranches, may be measured in hundreds of square miles. In more remote areas, residents may not see a stranger for weeks on end. Contrary to the popular impression of Australia as a bustling frontier country, more than half of its 10,000,000 people live in coastal cities and work in industry.

Nonetheless Australia's roots remain deep in the soil. It is a great primary producing country — wool, wheat and beef. Despite the meanness of much of its soil and pasturage, it raises some of the best stock on earth.

The Outback remains lonely, but the Australian Flying Doctor Service has done much to give it a feeling of community. The service was organized by the Rev. Dr. John Flynn in 1928 when flying and radio telephony were in infancy. Today doctors operate rugged ambulance planes from 12 bases, covering 250,000 miles a year.

McVie Clicks In U.S. Show

Internationally acclaimed Victoria photographer James McVie clicked five times at the North American Marine Exhibition held recently in Newport News, Va.

Two prints won places in a 50-print collection to be exhibited at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

In the color section, he won the Mariner's Museum Ship's Bell Trophy and the Second Award, an honorable mention, and an acceptance.

Lighters Litter Oriental Harbor

Some small boats, or lighters, which are used to ferry cargoes to and from ships, jam the waterfront at Singapore, Malaya. Small craft can be skillfully handled by two men, even when they're fully loaded.

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